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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("Statement") is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Many of these documents were previously submitted, considered, and/or cited by the Examiner in one or both of two prior applications, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/261,505, filed March 3, 1999, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,766, filed October 9, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

English-language translations of the non-English-language documents DE 1,415,474;
DE 1,590,958; and FR 2,085,225 are enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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